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New Jersey Mycobacterium Chelonae Infections

The New Jersey Department of Health and Senior Services recently suggested that outpatient surgical centers should only use sterile, single-use, tissue marking agents during procedures that require aseptic technique, and clinicians should consider *M. chelonae* when evaluating surgical-site infections.

The suggestions were based on an 2003 investigation of three patients who acquired surgical-site infections caused by *Mycobacterium chelonae* after having face lifts (CPT 15824) performed. Staff found the sources of infection included (1) 4-ounce bottle of 0.5% unsterile methylene blue that was prepared commercially in September 1999, (2) a tube containing

dye, (3) a single syringe used to dispense dye into a cup during multiple rhytidectomy procedures, and (4) an opened, single-use vial of 1% methylene blue. Mycobacteria identified as *M. chelonae* were isolated from each source.

The report summarizing the investigation can be found at <http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/preview/mmwrhtml/mm5309a2.htm>.

ASCs may also desire to review the ISDH guidelines for the Prevention and Management of MRSA, VRE, and VISA/VRSA in Indiana Health Care at <http://www.in.gov/isdh/professional/pmaoarihc04.htm>.

New ASC Application Process

Based on the ISDH rule promulgation process, the proposed revision of the ASC rules related to licensure fees has been approved by the Hospital Council, and now awaits final approval by the Attorney General and Governor's office. Contingent upon approval of the ASC rule, new applications and annual renewals of licenses beginning in June 2004 will include the following licensing fee categories:

"Ambulatory outpatient surgical center license fees will be due upon initial application for and annual renewal of the ambulatory surgical center's licensed based upon the total annual procedures performed as reported to the state department of health in Section III, total patients and procedures, on the **fourth quarter utilization report (State Form 49933)**. The fee schedule shall be as follows:

Total Annual Procedures	Fee
0-799	\$500.00
800-3,499	\$1,000.00
3,500-6,999	\$2,000.00
7,000 and above	\$3,000.00

ISDH is revising the current licensing form, with plans to mail the revised form in May 2004 to all ASCs whose licenses will expire in June 2004. In absence of a new licensing form, a cover letter will be sent requesting that all applications include a check or money order payable to the ISDH. This address to return the application and license fee is: Indiana State Department of Health, Attention: Cashier, 2nd Floor, 2 North Meridian Street, Indianapolis, Indiana 46204-3003.

It is expected that the fee structure will be based on the total procedure performed in calendar year 2003. Please note that 2003 total procedures reported by your ASC are included in this packet.

Regulatory News

- * The Governor signed Senate Enrolled Act 188 on 3/16/04 requiring ASCs to report each confirmed case of cancer to the ISDH cancer registry (IC 16-38-2). ISDH will notify ASCs of their future reporting responsibilities and the timetable and methodology of reporting.

All CA reporting is currently delayed to update software to reflect new national coding guidelines.

- * This packet includes a 3/11/04 letter from CMS clarifying the issue of overnight stays and the impact with respect to the Medicare definition of an Ambulatory Surgical Center.
- * An amendment to the ASC rules (410 IAC 15.2) to update the life safety code from the 1985 to 2000 standards was approved by the Executive Board on 3/19/04.

CA Reporting Delayed for Cancer Registry

The Indiana State Cancer Registry is requesting all ASC's to not submit any cancer cases diagnosed 1-1-03 or later until notified. This delay is necessary because ISDH software is not able to process the case information. The delay will allow ISDH staff to update its software to reflect new national coding guidelines.

This applies to only electronic submissions. Organizations sending paper copies of records to the State Registry are not affected by these changes, and should continue to send cases in the same manner as before.

Quarterly ASC Reporting

Based on the 3/4/04 Council Meeting, ISDH staff has determined to continue with the quarterly ASC Report form, with no need to expand that form. This mailing includes a copy of the directions and diskette for the 2nd Quarter 2004 results, and summarizes the 2003 annual utilization statistics.

The 2003 statistics will be used to verify reporting annual procedures records in the ASC License Application.

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ASC Information on ISDH Web Site

- ◆ Directory (with quarterly updates)
- ◆ Laws/Rules/Regulations (USA & IN)
- ◆ ASC Licensing Form
- ◆ Surgical Report
- ◆ Links to QA organizations

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